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REIGNING CATS AND DOGS

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WHOA!
EASY WITH
THOSE THINGS!
WE COME IN
PEACE!




BIG THE CAT
AND FROGGY




PRINCESS SALLY ACORN
FREEDOM FIGHTER LEADER



QUEEN HATHOR
LEADER OF THE FELIDAE



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
HERO OF MOBIUS



LUPE WOLF
WOLF PACK LEADER



TRESPASSERS TO THE PAIS MISTERIOSO ARE NEVER WELCOME.

AH, BUT I'M NO TRESPASSER.



I WAS INVITED BY MY BUDDY BIG HERE!

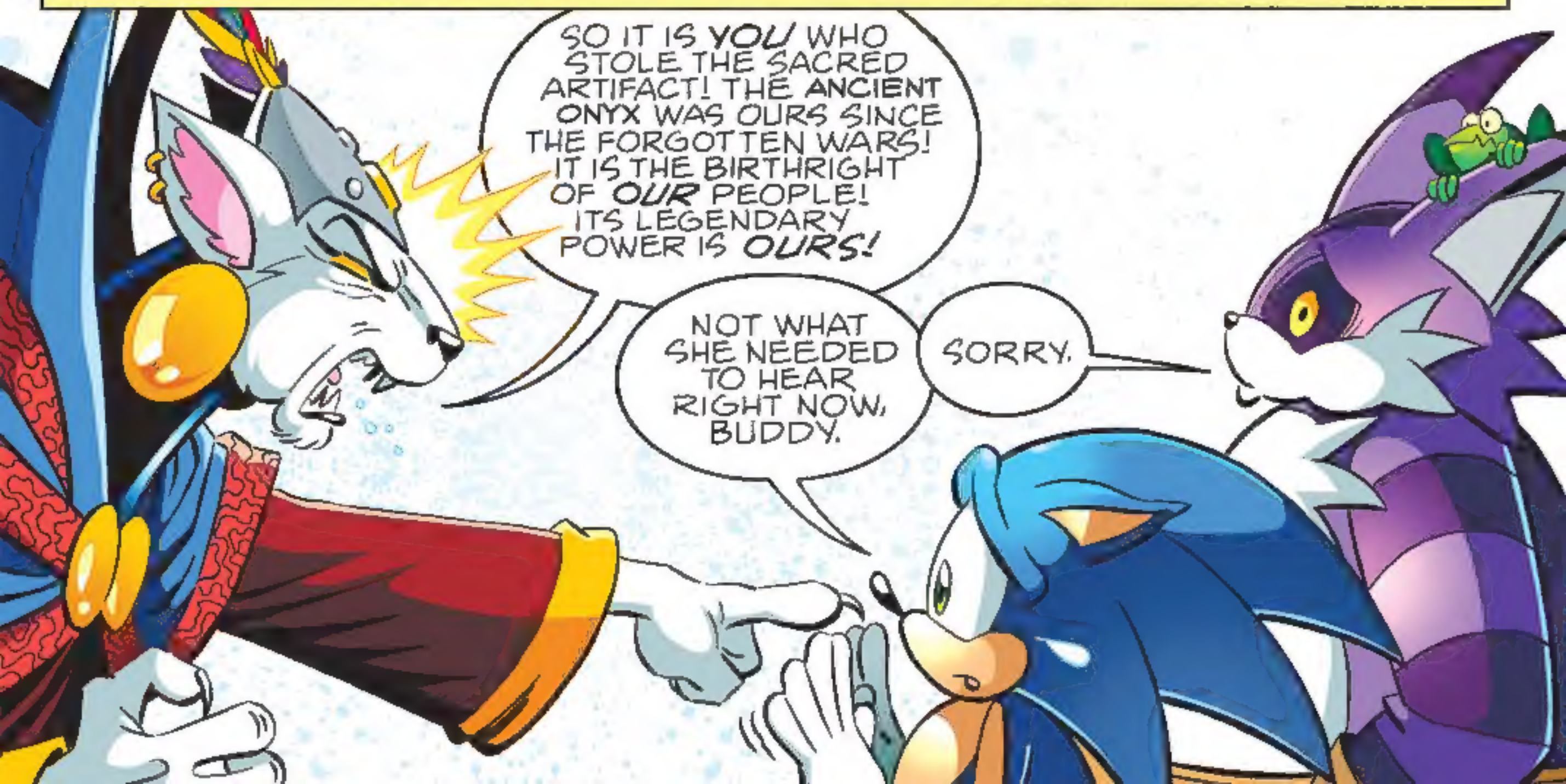
THE HEATHEN WHO LIVES ON THE OUTSKIRTS AND ASSOCIATES WITH FILTHY OUTSIDERS?

YUP.



LOOK, LADY... I'M NOT HERE TO CAUSE TROUBLE, I'M HERE ON A MISSION OF MERCY.

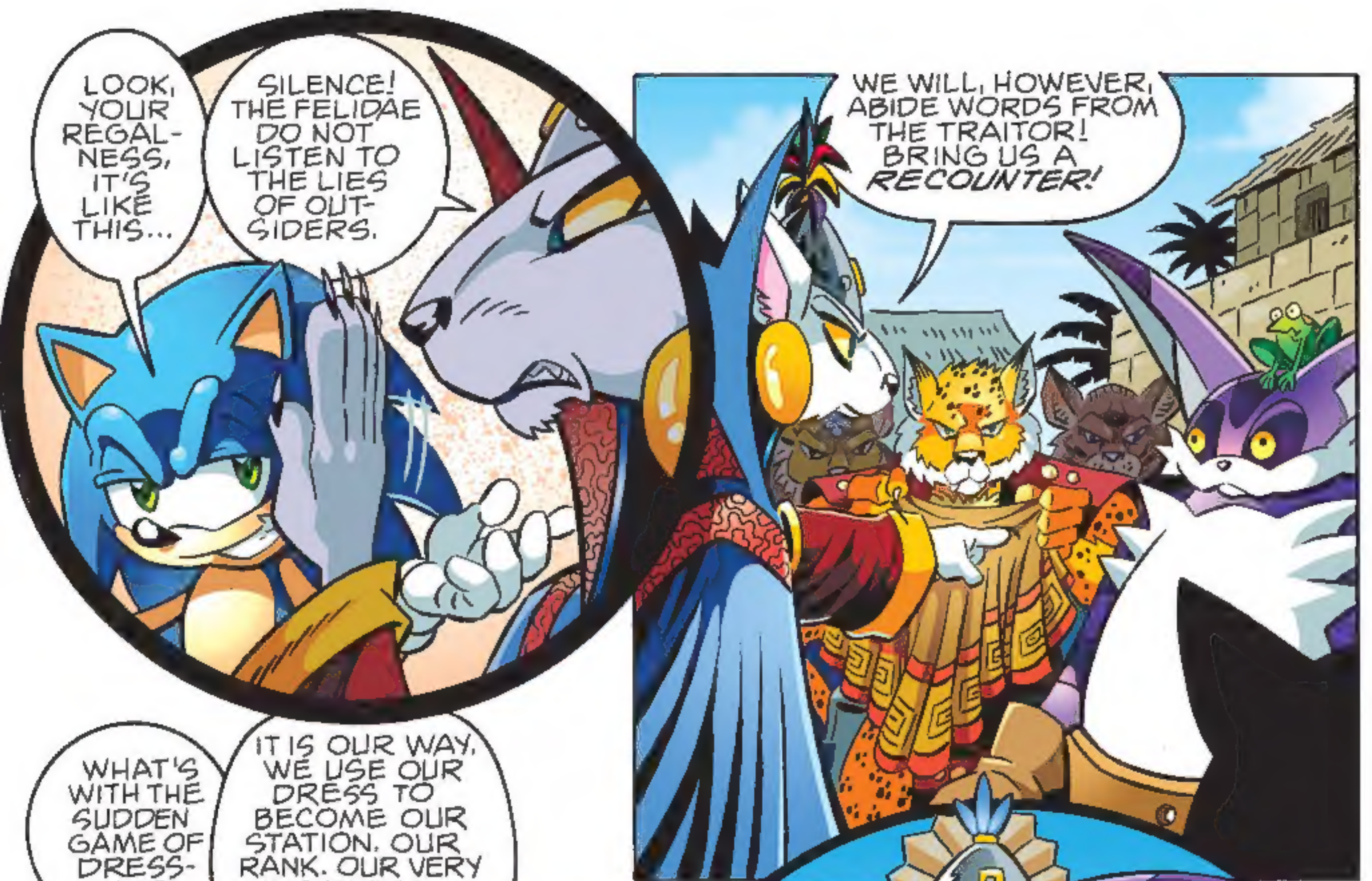
AND TO GET THE "ANCIENT ONYX."



SO IT IS YOU WHO STOLE THE SACRED ARTIFACT! THE ANCIENT ONYX WAS OURS SINCE THE FORGOTTEN WARS! IT IS THE BIRTHRIGHT OF OUR PEOPLE! ITS LEGENDARY POWER IS OURS!

NOT WHAT SHE NEEDED TO HEAR RIGHT NOW, BUDDY.

SORRY.





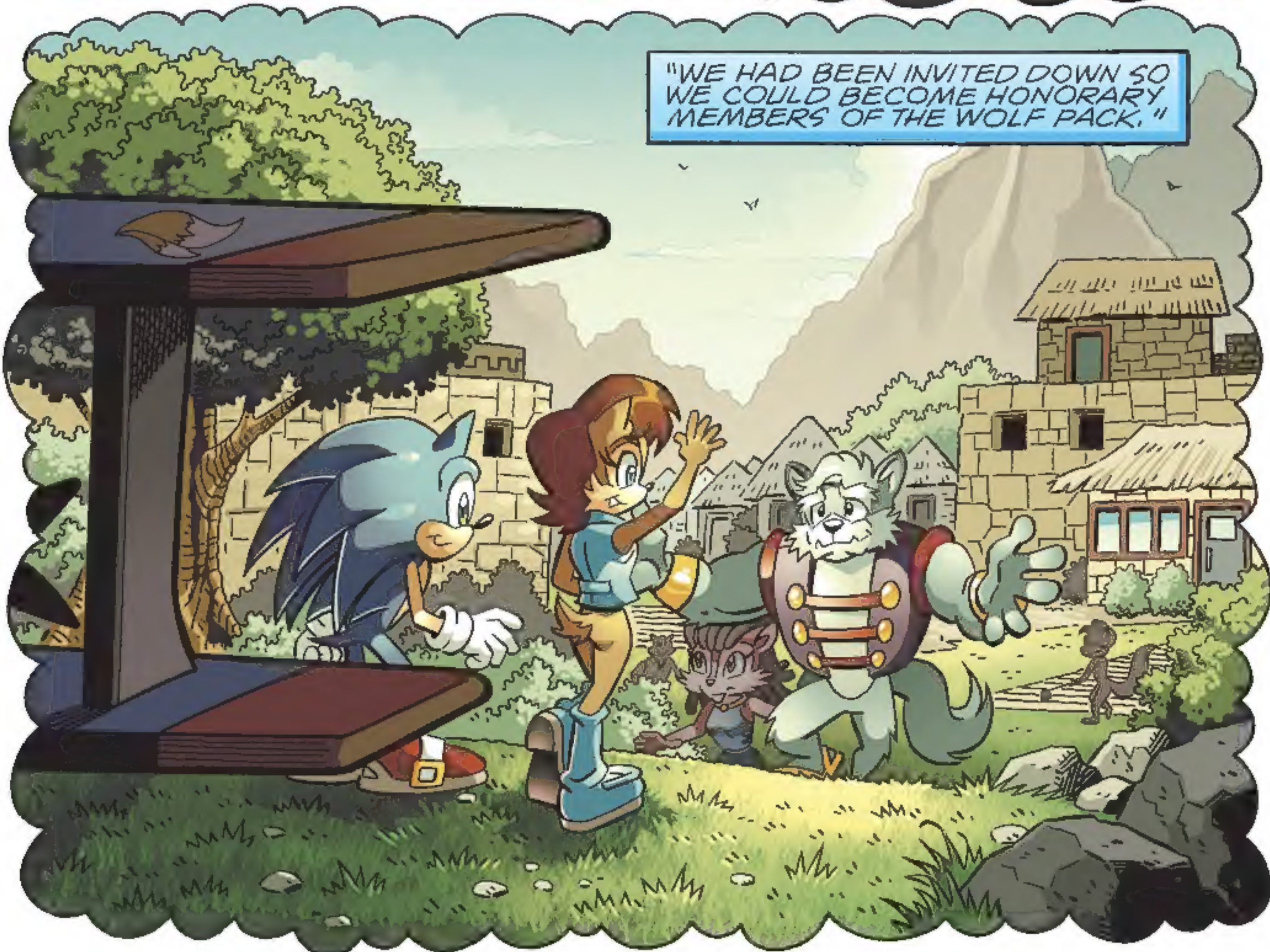
UH...

WELL, LUCKY FOR US, I CAME DRESSED AS THE RECOUNTERS' INTERPRETER.

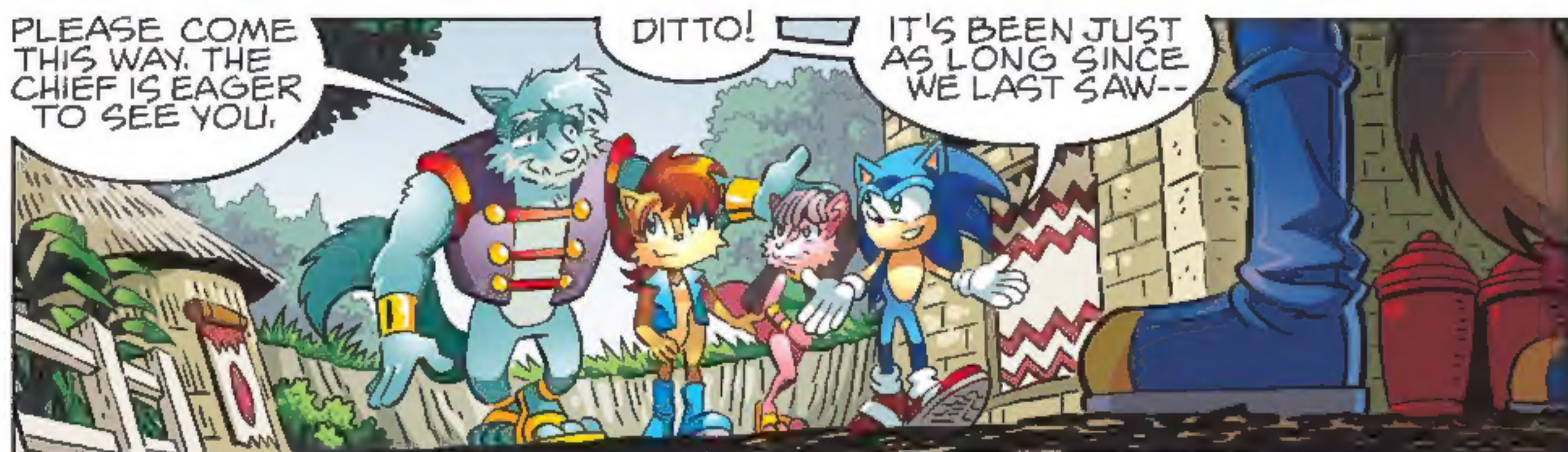
OH, VERY WELL, SPEAK.



"ACCORDING TO, UH, BIG >AHEM < PRINCESS SALLY AND I FLEW DOWN AND LANDED JUST NORTH OF HERE A FEW HOURS AGO.



"WE HAD BEEN INVITED DOWN SO WE COULD BECOME HONORARY MEMBERS OF THE WOLF PACK."






BECAUSE MY PEOPLE ASKED ME TO STEP UP AS THE GRAND CHIEF OF OUR NEW NATION.



THAT'S WONDERFUL! CONGRATULATIONS!



NICE, LUPE! BUT SINCE WHEN WERE YOU GUYS A WHOLE NATION?




AFTER DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S CONQUEST...

...THE PACKS WERE SCATTERED AND BROKEN, AND OUR CITY WAS DESTROYED. I HELPED BRING US ALL BACK TOGETHER HERE--IN OUR ANCESTRAL HOMELAND.

YOU MAKE IT SOUND SO SIMPLE.

WELL, THIS IS LUPE WE'RE TALKING ABOUT. FORMING AND ORGANIZING A WHOLE NATION MUST BE EXHAUSTING.



IT IS, BUT...

RRRARRGH!!



GIVE IT BACK, MARCOS!

NO WAY!



WE WERE PLAYING WITH THAT!

YOU MEAN YOU WERE, MARIA! THEN ATHENA SAID I COULD HAVE IT!

ATHENA'S MUTE, AND YOU KNOW IT, YOU JERK!

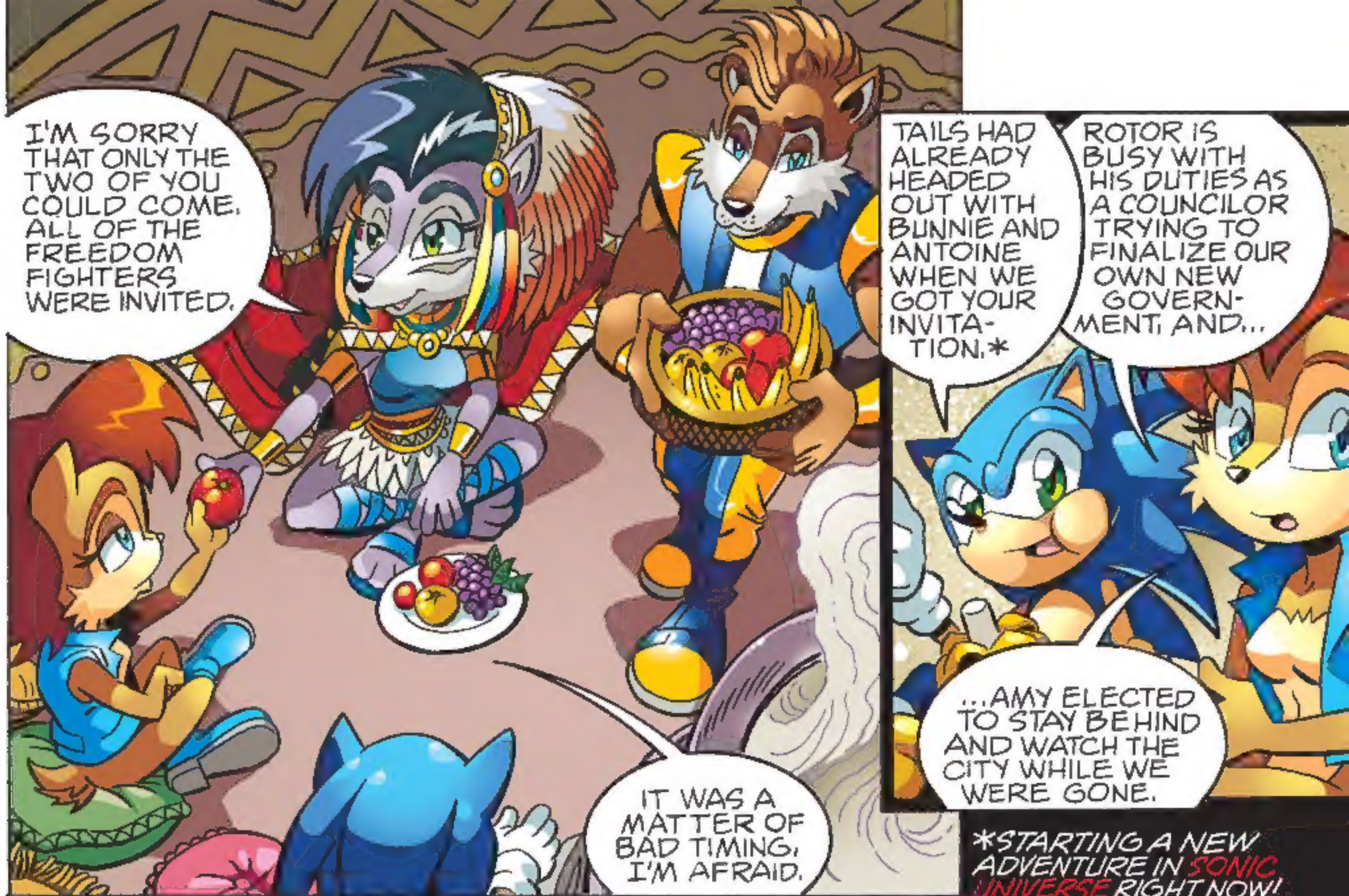


THAT'S 'CAUSE YOU DO MORE THAN ENOUGH TALKING FOR HER, AERIAL!

ARGH!!

...MY CHILDREN ARE THE HARDEST GROUP TO GOVERN.





I'M SORRY THAT ONLY THE TWO OF YOU COULD COME. ALL OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS WERE INVITED.

TAILS HAD ALREADY HEADED OUT WITH BUNNIE AND ANTOINE WHEN WE GOT YOUR INVITATION.*

ROTOR IS BUSY WITH HIS DUTIES AS A COUNCILOR TRYING TO FINALIZE OUR OWN NEW GOVERNMENT, AND...

...AMY ELECTED TO STAY BEHIND AND WATCH THE CITY WHILE WE WERE GONE.

IT WAS A MATTER OF BAD TIMING, I'M AFRAID.

**STARTING A NEW ADVENTURE IN SONIC UNIVERSE RIGHT NOW!*

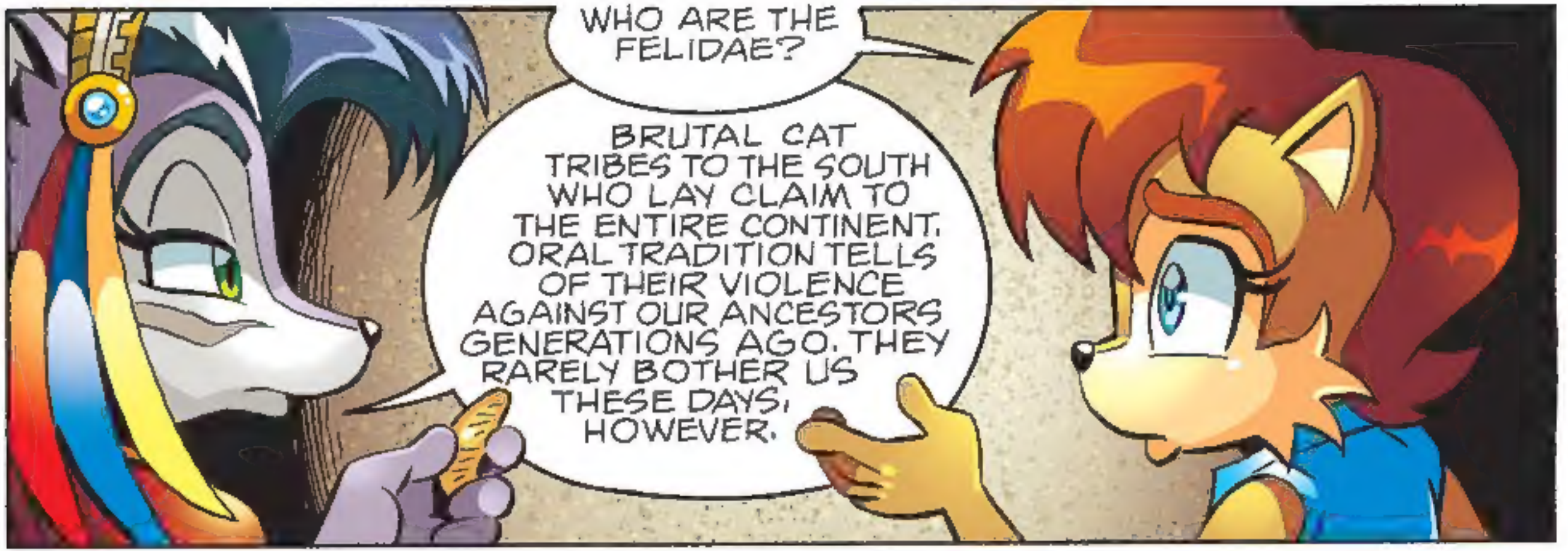


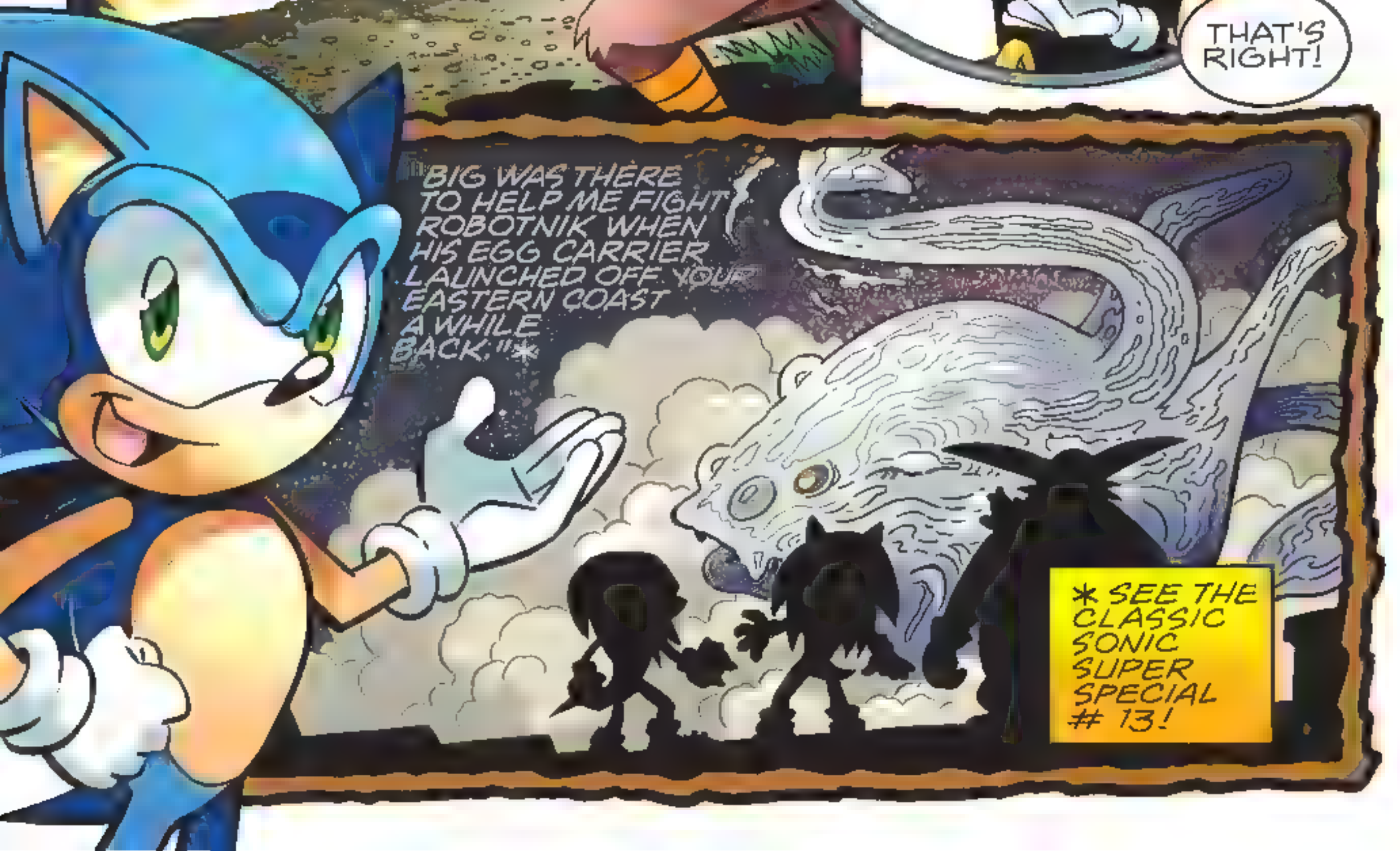
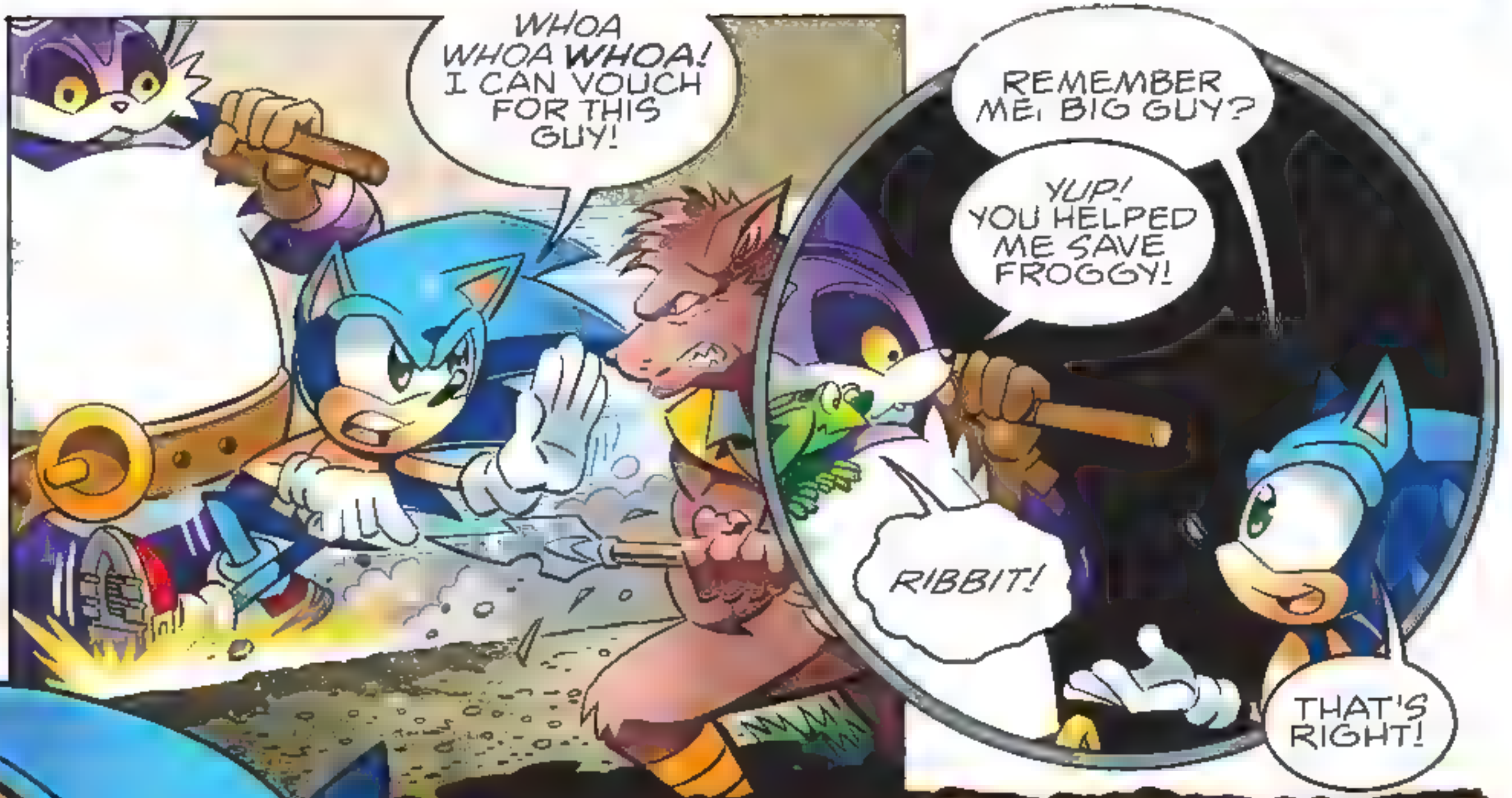
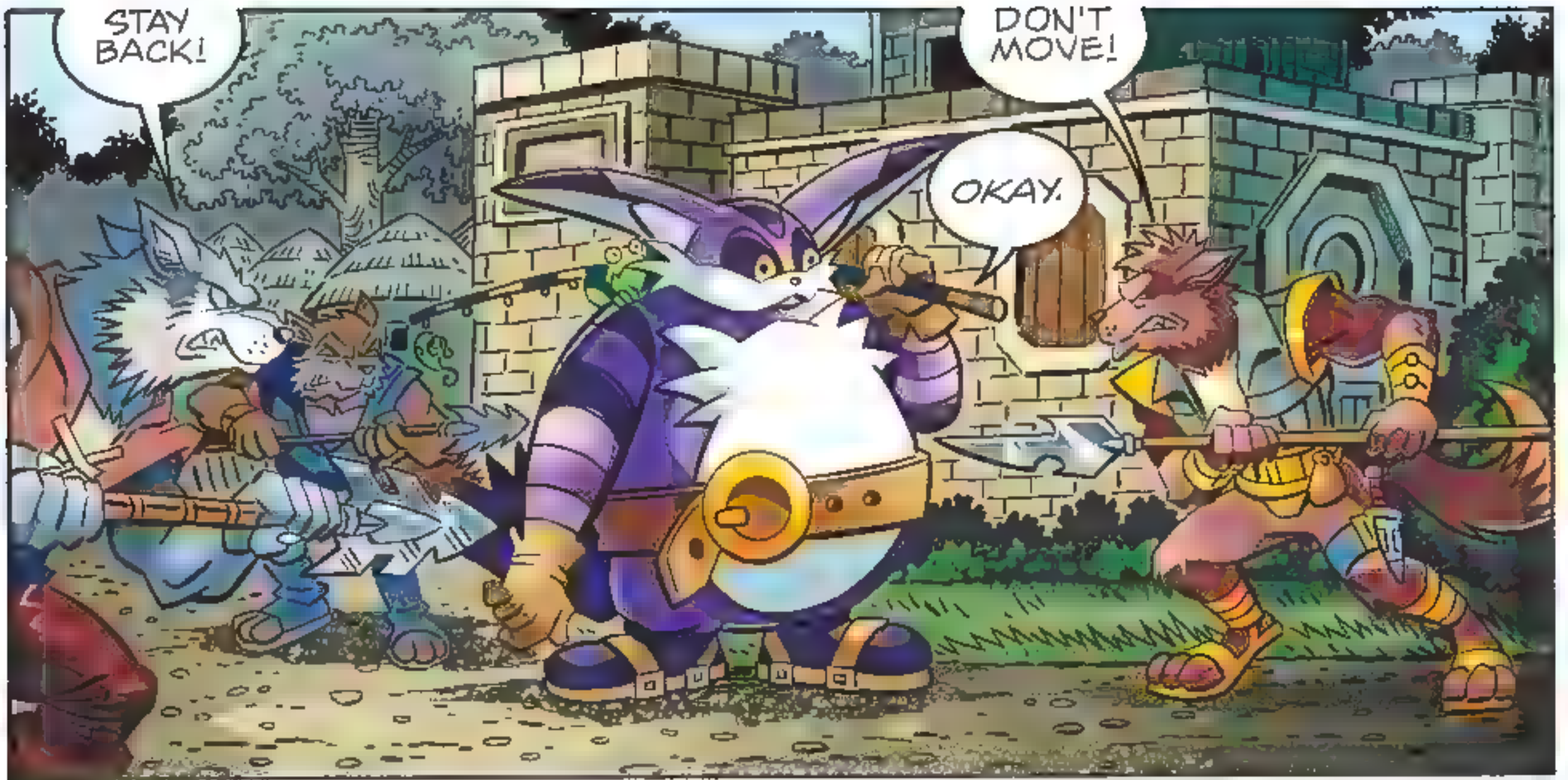
PERHAPS IT IS FOR THE BEST. YOUR INDUCTION WILL HAVE TO BE INFORMAL SINCE NO ONE CAN FIND THE CEREMONIAL "ANCIENT ONYX" RIGHT NOW.



NO DOUBT IT WAS STOLEN BY THE GREEDY, SAVAGE FELIDAE.

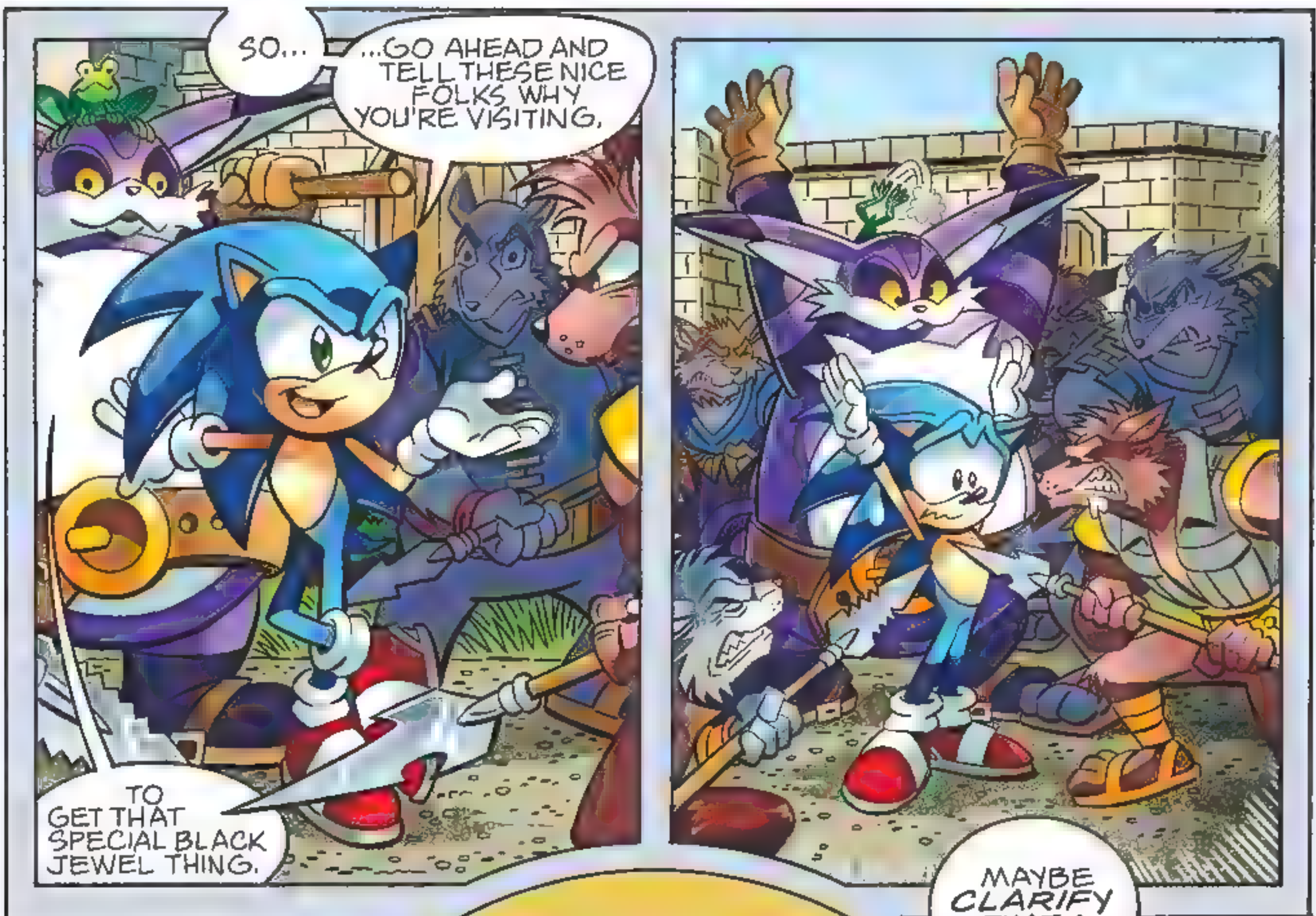
MMMMM...





"BIG WAS THERE TO HELP ME FIGHT ROBOTNIK WHEN HIS EGG CARRIER LAUNCHED OFF YOUR EASTERN COAST A WHILE BACK."*

* SEE THE CLASSIC SONIC SUPER SPECIAL # 13!



SO...

...GO AHEAD AND TELL THESE NICE FOLKS WHY YOU'RE VISITING.

TO GET THAT SPECIAL BLACK JEWEL THING.

MAYBE CLARIFY THAT A BIT?



THE FELIDAE ARE MAD 'CAUSE IT'S MISSING, SO I CAME TO SEE IF THE WOLVES HAVE IT...?

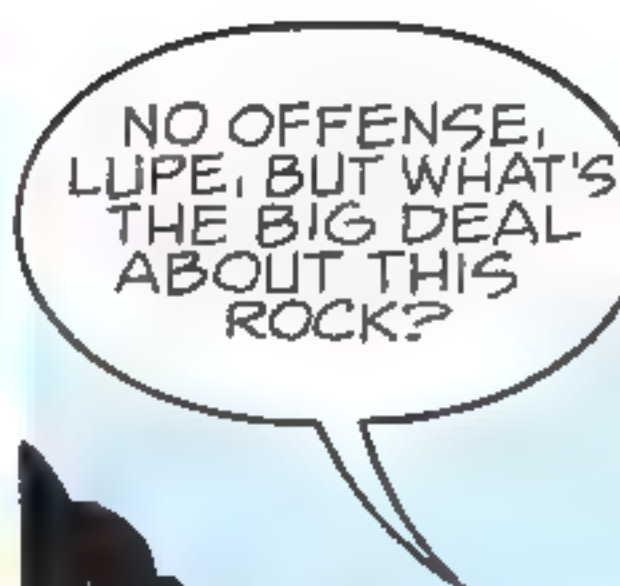
SORRY.

THAT'S OKAY. LET'S NOT MAKE A HABIT OF THIS, THOUGH.



SO THE FELIDAE CLAIM TO NOT HAVE THE RELIC, EITHER...

HMMM...



NO OFFENSE, LUPE, BUT WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT THIS ROCK?

THE ANCIENT ONYX IS SAID TO HAVE PRESERVED MY PEOPLE DURING THE DAYS OF FURY. IT IS A SYMBOL OF OUR PERSEVERANCE...

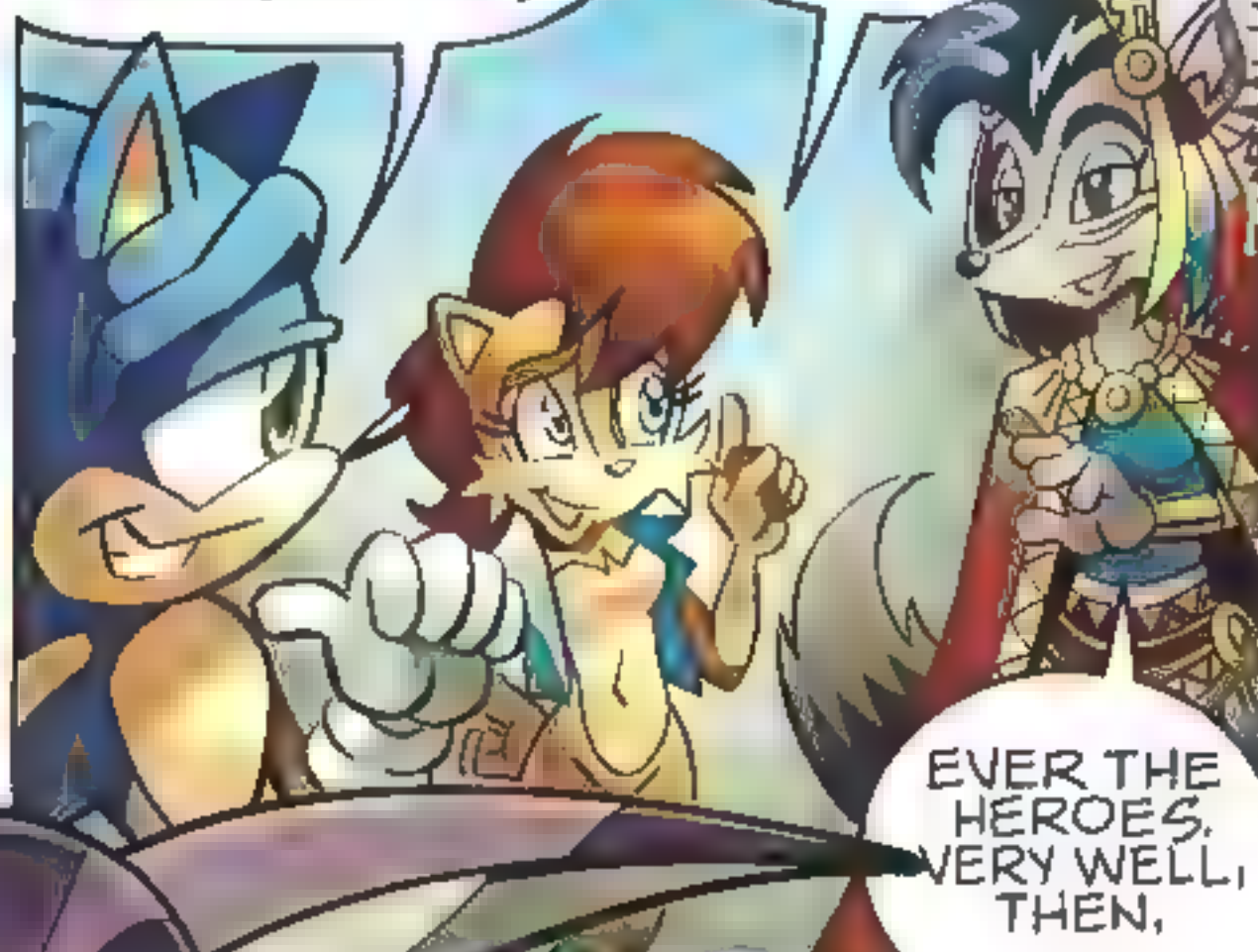
...AND IT IS OURS TO RIGHTFULLY RECLAIM.

WITH YOUR PERMISSION, GRAND CHIEF, I'D LIKE FOR US TO LOOK INTO THIS FURTHER.

OF COURSE YOU HAVE MY SUPPORT, BUT WHY DO YOU WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

WE NEED THAT ROCK TO DO THAT CEREMONY PROPERLY, DON'T WE? (IN ADDITION TO ALL THAT OTHER STUFF YOU JUST SAID.)

AND WE CAN ACT AS A **NEUTRAL** PARTY BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES.



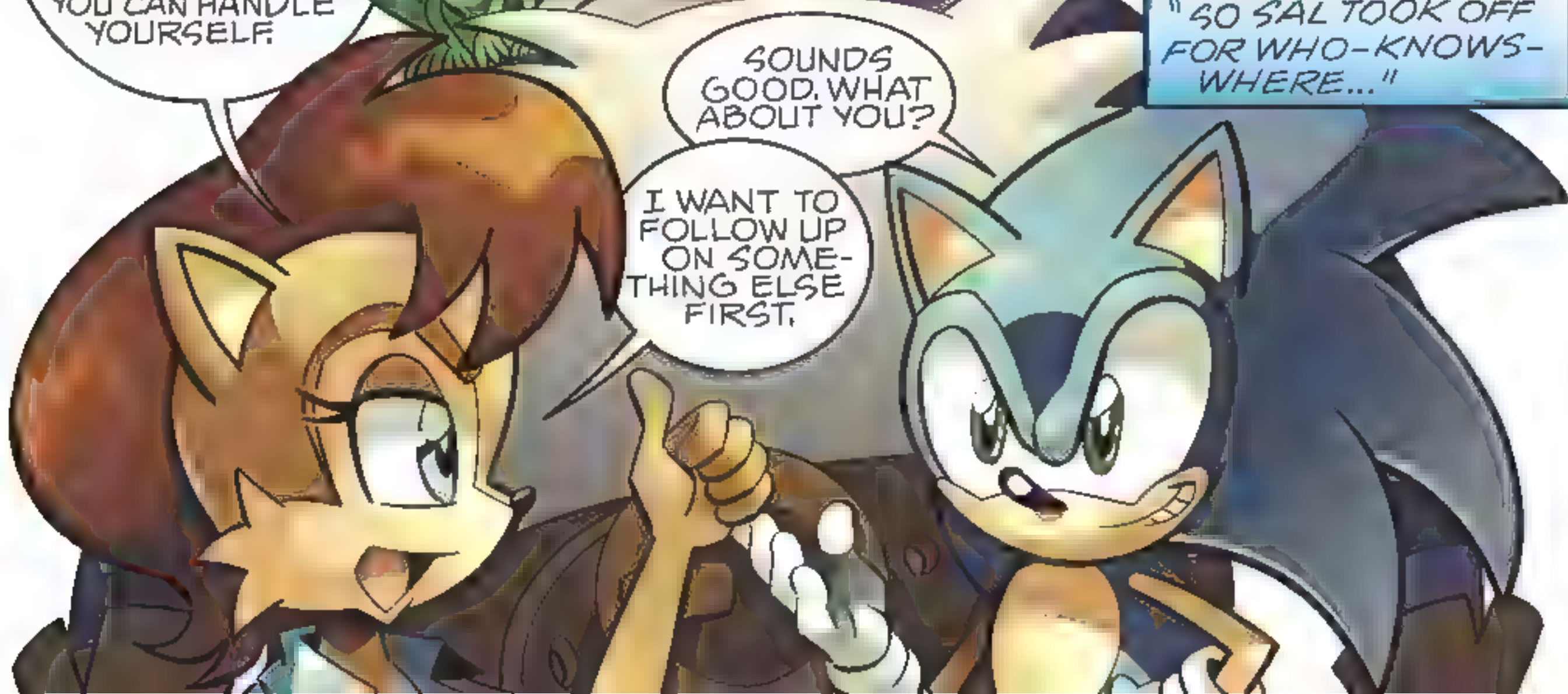
EVER THE HEROES, VERY WELL, THEN,

SONIC, I WANT YOU TO TAKE BIG AND TALK TO THE FELIDAE. IF BIG CAN'T VOUCH FOR YOU, I KNOW YOU CAN HANDLE YOURSELF.

SOUNDS GOOD. WHAT ABOUT YOU?

"SO SAL TOOK OFF FOR WHO-KNOWS-WHERE..."

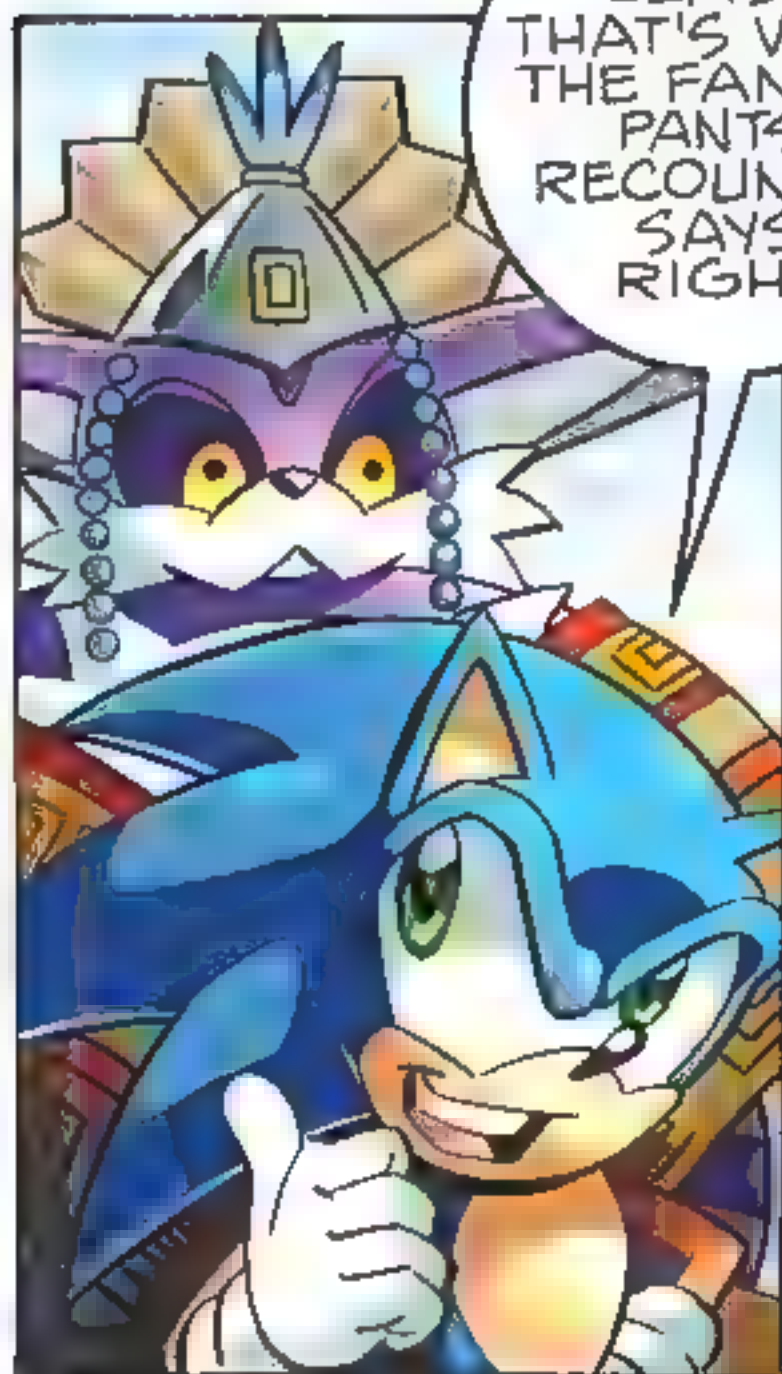
I WANT TO FOLLOW UP ON SOMETHING ELSE FIRST.





...AND THEN WE
RAN INTO YOUR
WELCOMING
COMMITTEE.
THE END!

OR AT
LEAST
THAT'S WHAT
THE FANCY-
PANTS
RECOUNTS
SAYS,
RIGHT?



OH.
YUP!



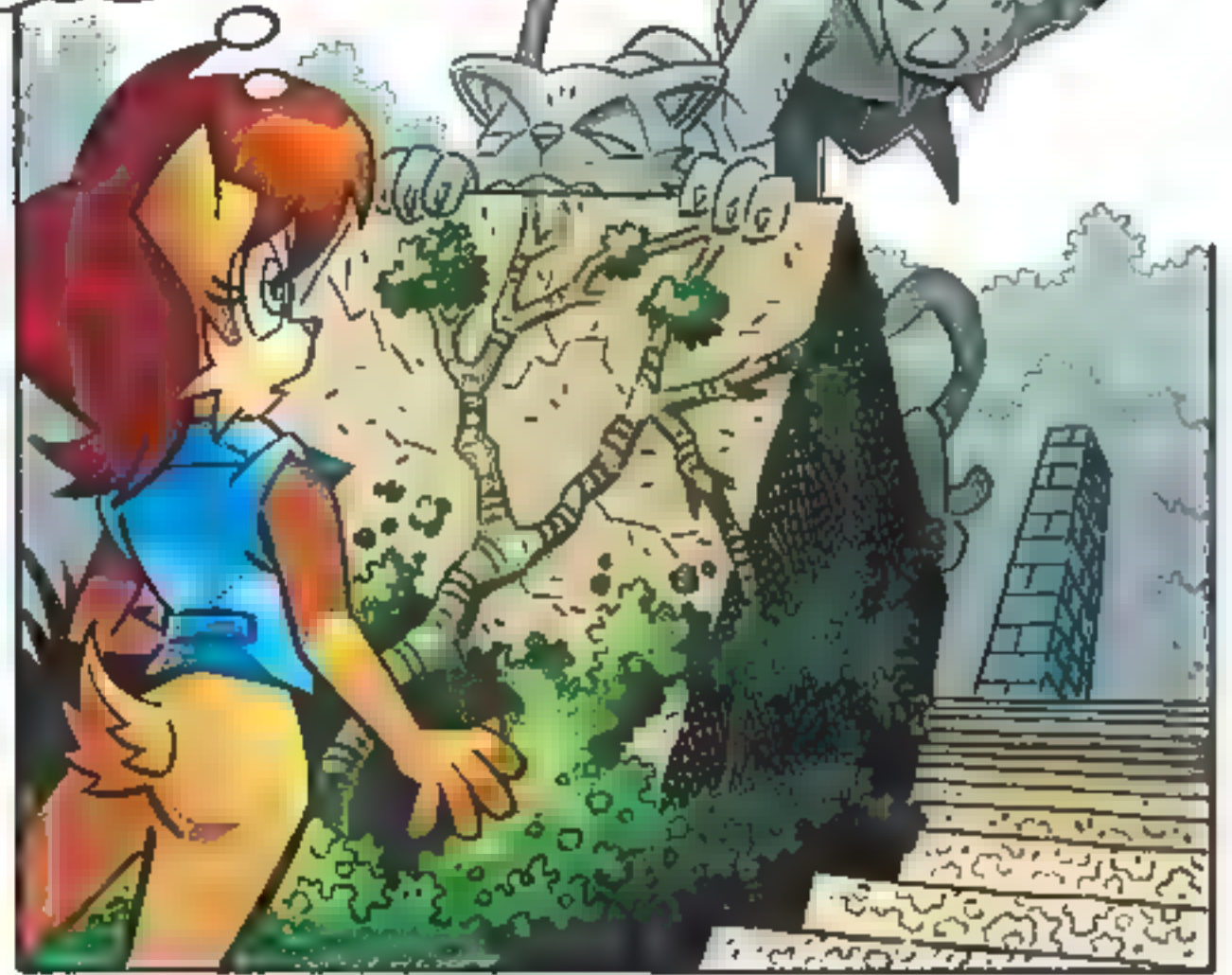
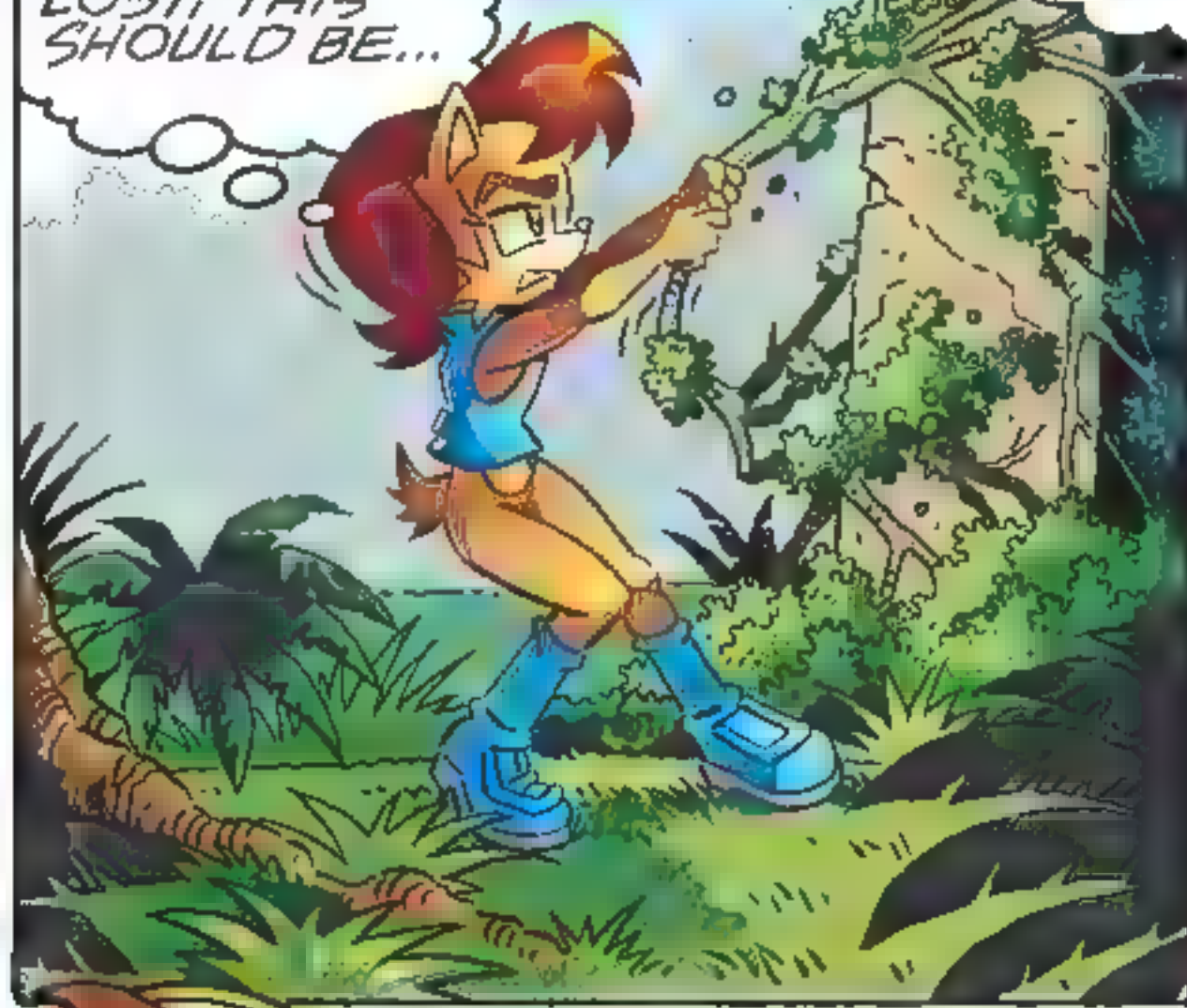
HMMM...
IF THIS IS
ALL TRUE, THEN
WHERE IS YOUR
PRINCESS?

HONESTLY,
YOUR
QUEEN-
SHIP...

"...I HAVE NO IDEA..."

UNLESS I'M LOST, THIS SHOULD BE...

...THE RUINS OF THE FAILED ECHIDNAOPOLIS COLONY.



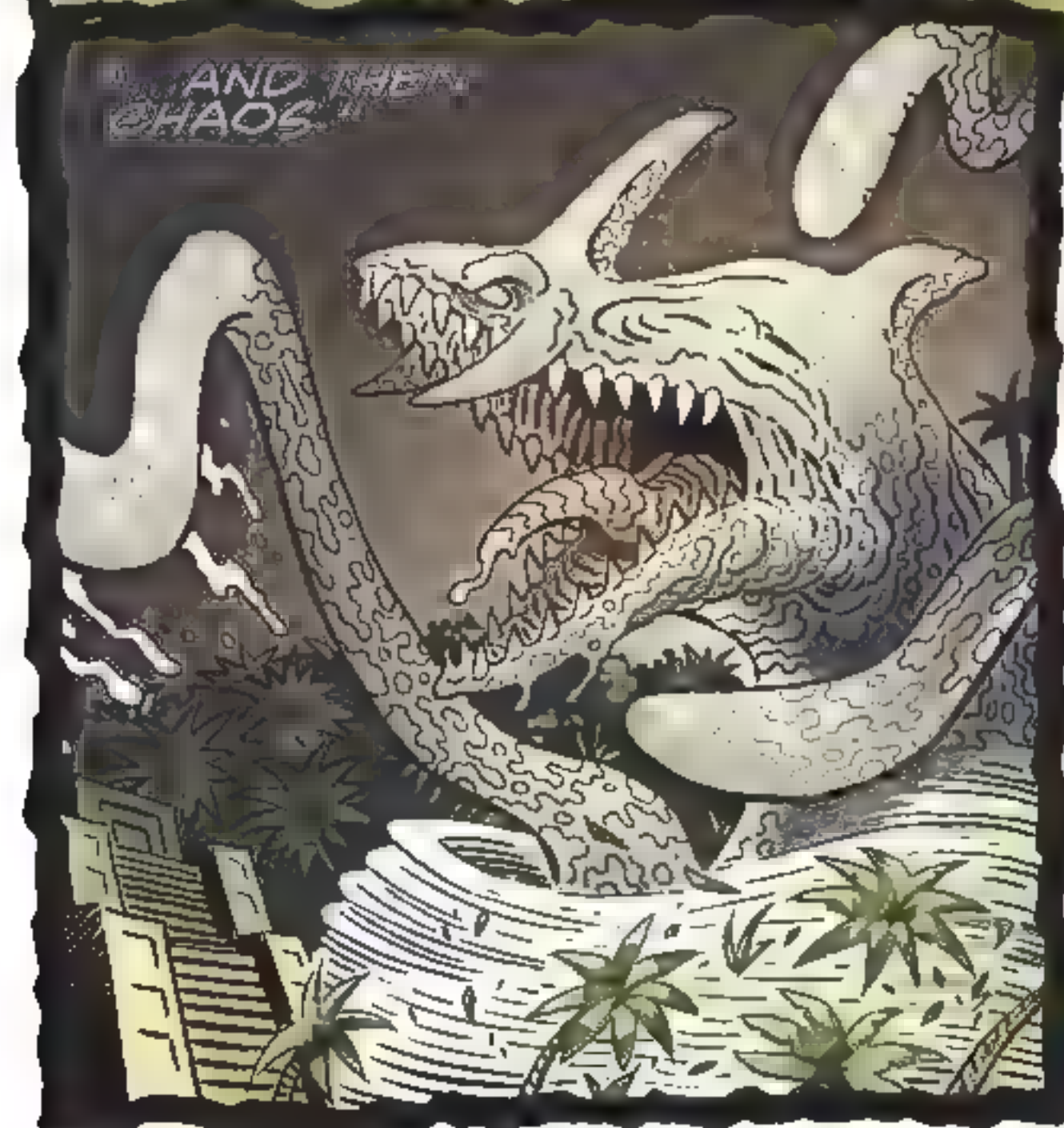
ACCORDING TO KNUCKLES, THIS IS WHERE HIS DISTANT ANCESTORS FIRST TRIED TO SETTLE BEFORE MOVING ON AND REACHING WHAT WOULD BECOME ANGEL ISLAND.



"BUT THEY CAME INTO CONFLICT WITH THE FELIDAE..."




AND THEN CHAOS...



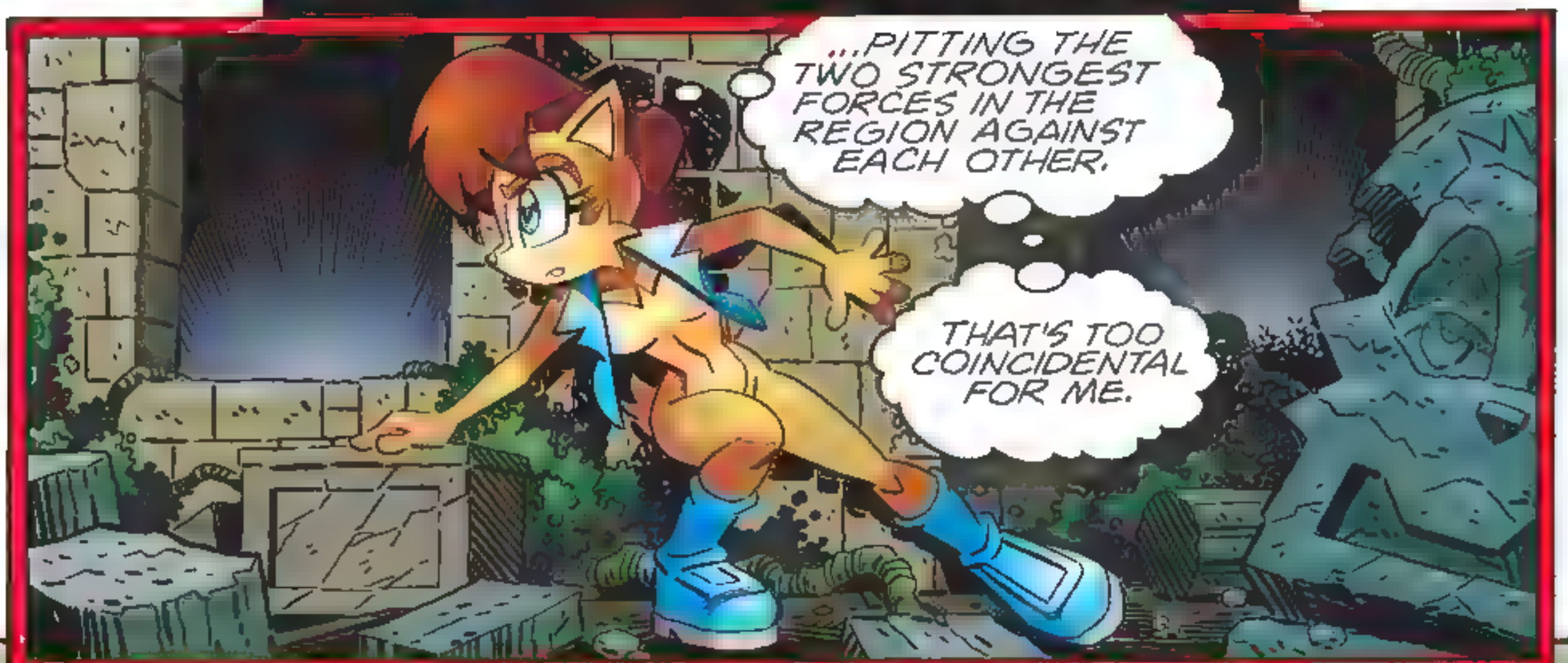
THIS IS A PLACE OF SO MUCH LOSS ...AND SO MUCH MEANING.



THE FELIDAE AND
WOLF PACK ARE MEET-
ING AGAIN FOR THE
FIRST TIME IN
HUNDREDS OF
YEARS...




THEN AN
ANCIENT
ARTIFACT
SACRED
TO BOTH
OF THEM
SUDDENLY
VANISHES...



...PITTING THE
TWO STRONGEST
FORCES IN THE
REGION AGAINST
EACH OTHER.

THAT'S TOO
COINCIDENTAL
FOR ME.



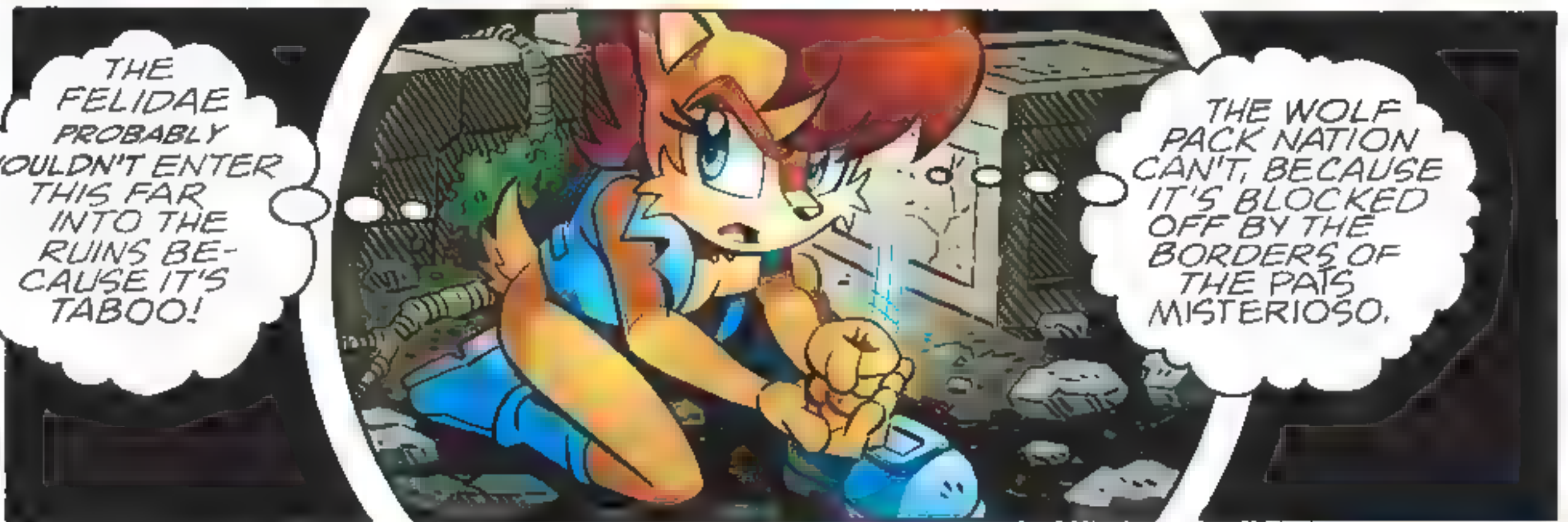
IF SOMEONE IS
ORCHESTRATING
THIS, WHAT BETTER
HIDING PLACE
THAN...

...BINGO!



ANOTHER CHAPTER OF THE DARK EGG LEGION!

THIS CLINCHES IT--THE EGGMAN EMPIRE IS TRYING TO INSTIGATE A WAR HERE!



THE FELIDAE PROBABLY WOULDN'T ENTER THIS FAR INTO THE RUINS BECAUSE IT'S TABOO!

THE WOLF PACK NATION CAN'T, BECAUSE IT'S BLOCKED OFF BY THE BORDERS OF THE PAIS MISTERIOSO.



MAYBE WITH THIS NEWS I CAN AT LEAST BROKER TEMPORARY PEACE BETWEEN THEM AND...



HEY THERE, PRINCESS. OUT SIGHT-SEEING?

DRAGO?!



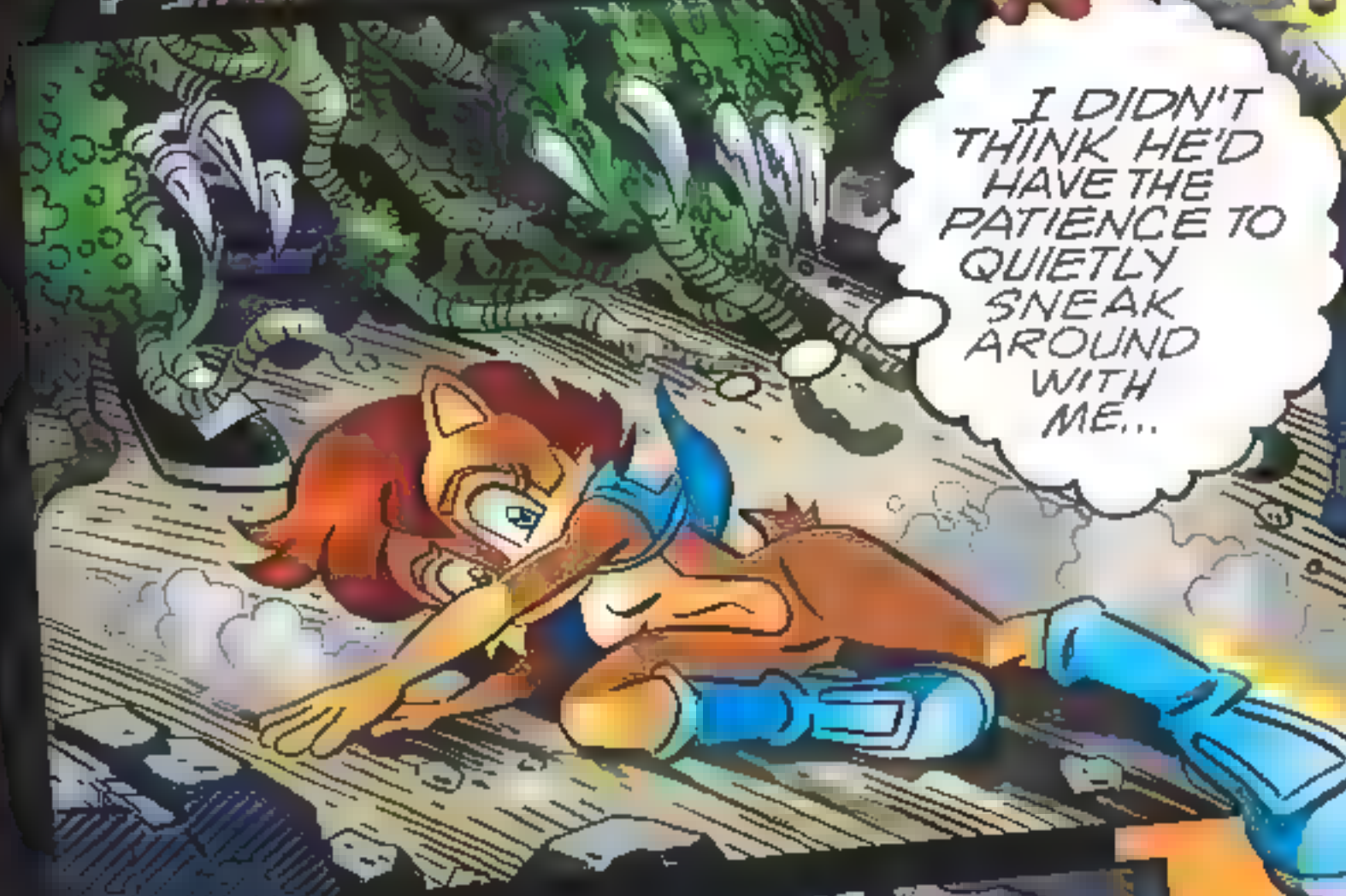
GET BACK HERE!

THIS IS NOT THE TIME OR THE PLACE FOR A FIGHT!



D'OH!

AND NOW I WISH I'D BROUGHT SONIC ALONG.



I DIDN'T THINK HE'D HAVE THE PATIENCE TO QUIETLY SNEAK AROUND WITH ME...



...BUT I SURE COULD USE...



...HIS HELP NOW!

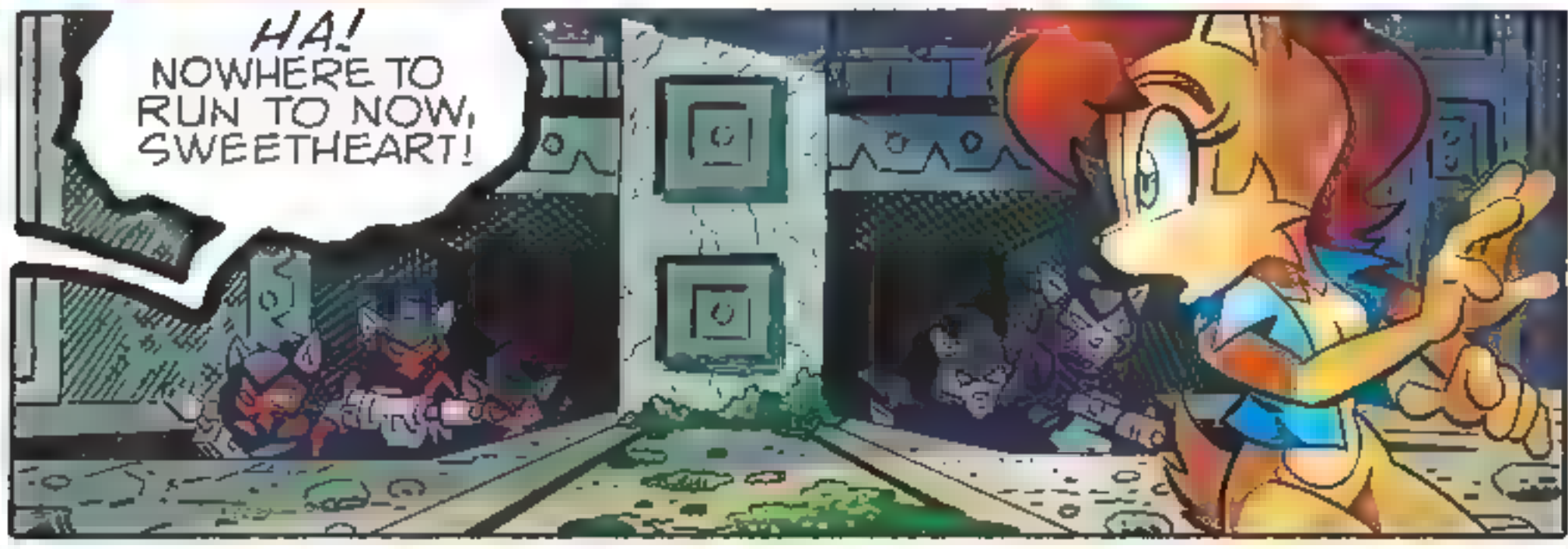
WHO...?!



YEAH! FEAST YOUR EYES ON THE NEW AND IMPROVED GRAND-MASTERS OF THE DARK EGG LEGION!

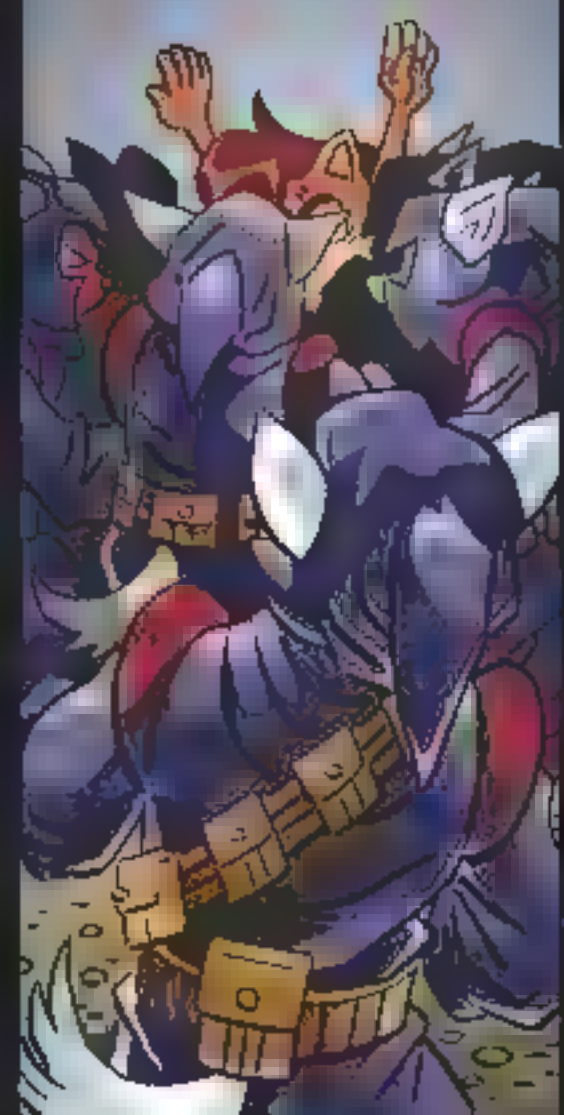
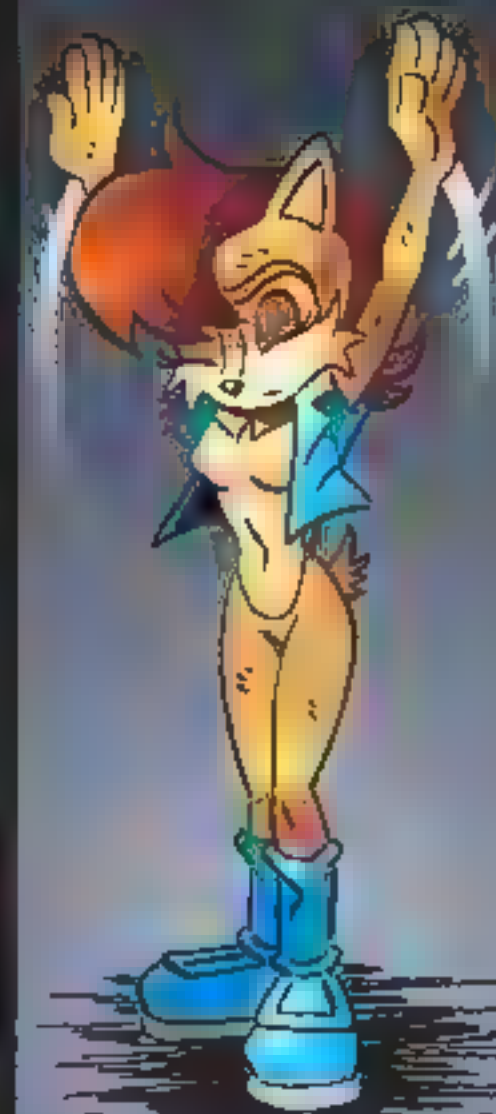
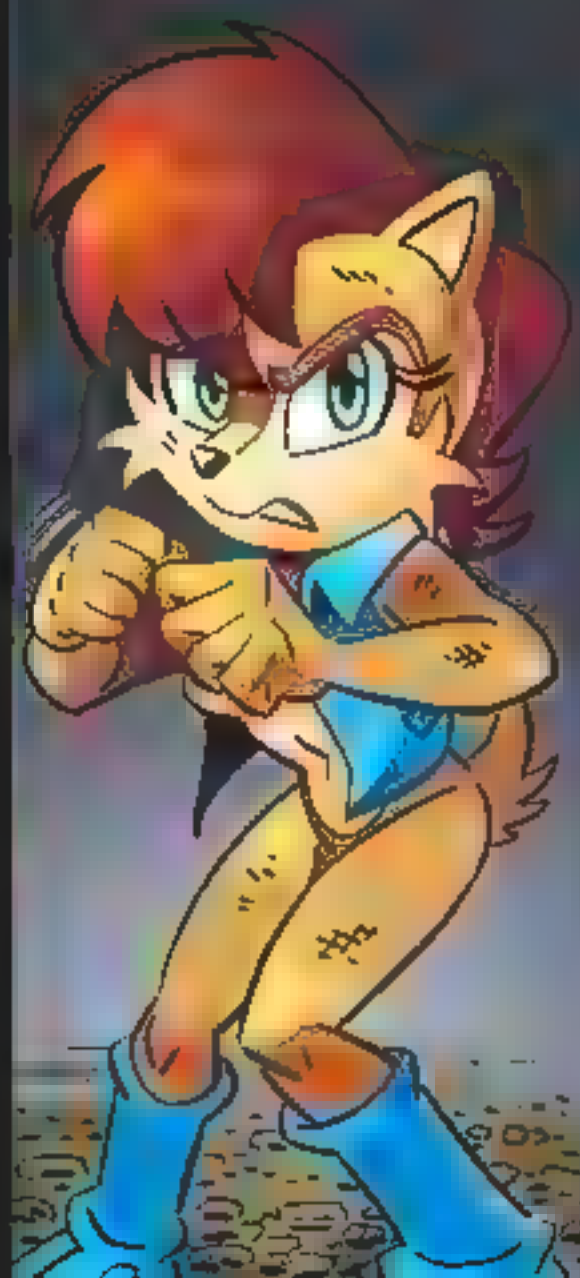


...AS IF THIS SITUATION WASN'T BAD ENOUGH ALREADY...



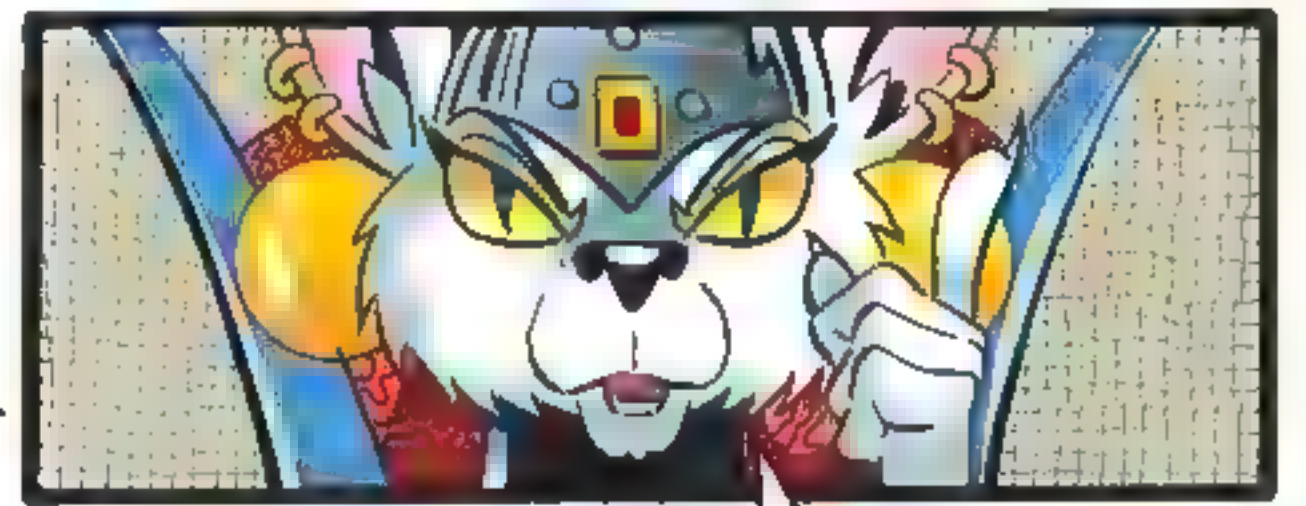
HA! NOWHERE TO RUN TO NOW, SWEETHEART!

WHAT'S IT GONNA BE?





YOU DON'T SKEWER ME, AND I'LL HELP YOU TRACK DOWN YOUR SPECIAL ROCK, FREE OF CHARGE. THEN SAL CAN PROBABLY FIGURE OUT A TIME-SHARE PLAN BETWEEN YOU AND LUPE.



WELL...HOW ABOUT THIS? HE CAN COME HOME WITH ME WHEN THIS IS FINISHED! CALL IT EXILE, OR WHATEVER.

EXILE? AWW...

DUDE, THERE'S SOME AWESOME RIVER FISHING UP NORTH.

FISHING! YAY!

VERY WELL THEN, BARTERER-INTERPRETER, WE HAVE AN ACCORD.

GOOD TO KNOW, QUEENIE. NOW LET'S GET TO IT BEFORE SOMETHING ELSE--

IT'S AN AMBUSH!

--HAPPENS.

OH, MAN...

TO ARMS!





...THIS ISN'T GOING TO GO OVER WELL

HAS TIME REALLY RUN OUT FOR PEACE-- AND PRINCESS SALLY? CAN SONIC SAVE THE DAY THIS TIME? OR WILL SACRIFICES HAVE TO BE MADE? COME BACK NEXT TIME FOR THE THRILLING CONCLUSION!





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Dear Sonic Grams, I LOVE Sonic and I have a few questions. We get that a lot :)

1) How can I get the Sonic Super Specials?

You've got 3 options: you could dig through back issue bins at your local comic shop, you could pick up the SONIC SELECT graphic novel series featuring digitally restored selections from the Super Specials (order now @ archiecomics.com!), or you could click your heels three times and say "there's no place like Super Specials, there's no place like Super Specials..." - I would recommend picking up the SONIC SELECT graphic novels, though!

2) Which comic did Sonic & Sally break up in?

The most monumental split of the Son/Sal romance has to be Sonic #134 featuring the infamous "slap heard 'round Mobius." Quite upsetting.

3) Are you going to make a Sonic movie?

Sonic has already had his very own movie! 1996's "Sonic the Movie" is a pretty wild anime featuring the blue blur and a bunch of his best buds!

Well, I'm sure I'll write again. OUT!

Ally G.
from Louisiana

Thanks Ally!

Dear Sonic Grams, I am a big fan of Sonic the Hedgehog and just wanted to tell you guys that the comics are AWESOME! I've only read the first ones in Sonic Archives Vol's 1-8. Are there going to be more Sonic Archives? Or did the series end? But here's where I'm going to end my letter - BYE!

c/o Lisa M.
from Montana

Sonic Archives will be back with a vengeance this July with Volume 13 - the pulse-pounding conclusion to the ENDGAME saga! Pre-order your copy @ archiecomics.com today!

Dear Sonic Grams, Nice work on issue #209. It's a good thing Nicole is alright! Also nice job on Uncle Chuck, Tracy - he looks cool. I think that in the off-panel strip it was cool to see Cream the Rabbit. I hope you guys can tell me how old Sonic and the others were at the beginning of the series and how old they are now.

From BIG Sonic fan,
Patrick P.
from Oregon

Well well well, if it isn't our old friend Patrick! Patrick always has awesome questions for Sonic Grams; thanks for staying vigilant! Anyway, yeah #209 is one of my favorite issues too! Seeing Cream in Off-panel

was indeed cool. Wouldn't it be awesome if she showed up in the comics more? *ahem*

Well, in regard to the characters' ages, Sonic was 8 when he first started whooping Robotnik's rather large behind and is currently in his late teens. The other characters are roughly Sonic's age, some a little older like Rotor and some, like Tails, a little younger.

Dear Sonic Grams, I haven't read many of the Sonic comics; I started at issue #210. I'm wondering will Knuckles be in the comic more?

Your #1 fan,
Kyle C.
from Vermont

Welcome aboard, Kyle! You want a sweet Knux story? Pick up Sonic Universe Arc #3 "Echoes of the Past"!

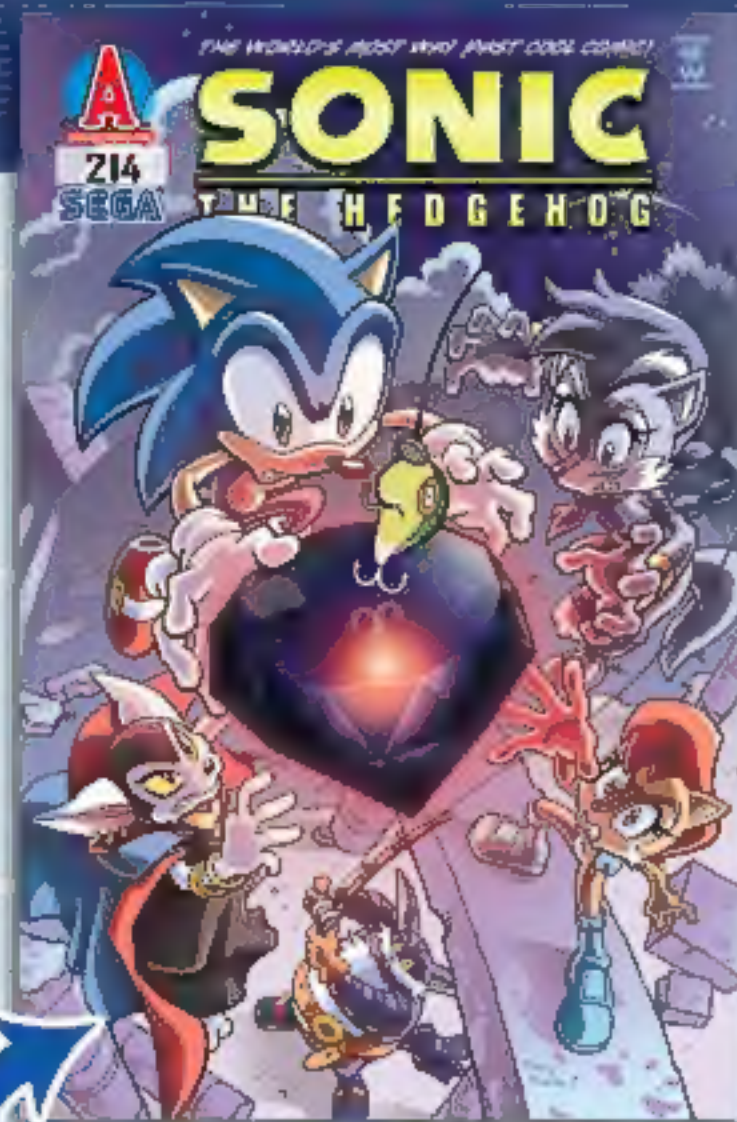
MESSAGE BOARD POST OF THE MONTH:

"The monkey is smooth, ladies and gentlemen."

Posted by Bluestreak on the BUMBLEKING forums, referring to the play-tude of one Mr. Ken "Monkey" Khan.

Well said, my friend. Well said.

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A-WOOOOOOOO!
THE WOLFPACK NATION & FELIDAE TRIBE STAND AT THE BRINK OF WAR - & IT'S UP TO SONIC AND BIG TO SAVE THE DAY! DON'T MISS "REIGNING CATS & DOGS" pt2 (OF 2) ON SALE THE WEEK OF 7/13/10

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